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**B. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the section entitled RELATED APPLICATIONS on page 1 as follows:

**RELATED APPLICATIONS**

This application is related to the following co-pending U.S. Patent Application filed on the same day as the present application and having the same inventor and assignee: "System and Method for Distributing Proximity Information Using a Two-Tiered Bootstrap Process," (Application No. 09/918,594) (Docket No. ~~AUS9-2001-0563-US1~~) by Barillaud and assigned to the IBM Corporation.

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